

Maryland ss.

By his Excellency, Robert Eden, Esquire, Lieutenant General and
Chief Governor in and over the Province of Maryland

L. H. J.
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A PROCLAMATION

Being desirous to prevent any Oppressions and Extortions from being committed, under Colour of Office, by any of the Officers and Ministers of this Province, and every of them, their Deputies or Substitutes, in exacting unreasonable and excessive fees, from the good People thereof, I have thought fit, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, to issue this my Proclamation; and I do therefore hereby order and direct, that from and after the Publication hereof no Officer or Officers (the Judges of the Land Office excepted, who are subject to other Regulation to them given in Charge) their Deputies or Substitutes, by Reason or Colour of his or their Office or Offices, have, receive, demand or take, of any Person or Persons, directly, or indirectly, any other or greater fees than by an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers fees, made and passed at An Act of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on Tuesday the fourth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord seventeen hundred and sixty three, were limited and allowed, or take or receive of any Person or Persons, on immediate Payment, (in Case Payment shall be made in Money) any larger fee than after the Rate of twelve Shillings and six Pence Common Current Money for One hundred Pounds of Tobacco, under the Pain of my Displeasure. And to the Intent that all Persons concerned may have due Notice thereof, I do strictly charge and require the several Sheriffs of this Province, to make this my Proclamation publick in their respective Counties in the usual Manner, as they will answer the contrary at their Peril. Given at the City of Annapolis this twenty sixth Day of November, in the 20.th Year of his Lordship's Dominion, Anno Domini 1770

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Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Com.

Rob.^t Eden

Besides the Clauses mentioned in your Address, King Charles granted by the Charter of this Province to Lord Baltimore, all and singular the like, and as ample Rights, Jurisdictions, Privileges, Royalties, Liberties, Immunities, royal Rights, and Franchises of what kind soever temporal, as well by Sea as by Land, to enjoy the same as amply as any Bishop of Durham within the County Palatine of Durham then had, or at any Time theretofore had held, used or enjoyed, or of Right ought or might have had held, used or enjoyed

By another Clause in the Charter his Lordship had Power to appoint Deputies, Lieutenants, Judges, Justices, Magistrates, Officers